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SUBJECT: PM MULDOON ON NPW VISITS AND DIEGO GARCIA

1. FOLLOWING ALL DAY CABINET MEETING JANUARY 20, PM MULDOON WAS AQUIRED BY PRESS CONCERNING NPW VISITS AND DIEGO GARCIA. TRANSCRIP OF PRESS CONFERENCE NOT EXPECTED UNTIL JANUARY 22, BUT PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS OFFICE INDICATES FOLLOWING ACCOUNT, CARRIED IN JANUARY 21 WELLINGTON "DOMINION", IS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT.

2. "MR. MULDOON ALSO BRIEFED THE MINISTERS ON HIS TALKS WITH THE VISITING UNITED STATES SENATORS LAST WEEK AND REITERATED THAT NUCLEAR POWERED AMERICAN WARSHIPS WOULD BE ABLE TO ENTER NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

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"THIS WAS NOT A 'SELL-OUT' AS AT NO STAGE HAD THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT GIVEN A DIRECT REFUSAL TO THE AMERICANS ON THE ISSUE, MR. MULDOON SAID. LABOUR REALISED TOO THAT SUCH A REFUSAL WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE ANZUS ALLIANCE."

3. "THE UNITED STATES TOOK THE VIEW THAT ANZUS WAS NOT ONE OF THE MAJOR TREATIES AND NEW ZEALAND HAD TO BEAR IN MIND THAT THERE WAS SOME PRESSURE IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD BECAUSE OF THE EXPENSE.

'WE WOULD FEEL COLD IF THEY DID AND IT WOULD BE VERY EXPENSIV,' HE SAID."

4. "QUESTIONED ON THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW OF THE AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT OF A NAVAL BASE ON THE STRATEGIC INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA. RECENTLY STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. FRASER, MR. MULDOON SAID NEW ZEALAND WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH THE PACIFIC THAN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW WAS ALSO IN LINE WITH WASHINGTON AND CANBERRA THINKING WHEN HE SAID: 'WE WOULD HOPE THE UNITED STATES WOULD MAINTAIN THEIR GLOBAL STRATEGIC EFFORT. IT IS CLEAR THERE IS NO EFFORT BY THE SOVIET UNION TO DO ANYTHING BUT EXPAND.

"IF UNITED STATES OPINION WERE TO CHANGE AND BECOME ISOLATIONIST THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE INCALCULABLE."
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